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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - ITEM 12, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH CANADIANS HAVE DEVELOPED AS TACTIC FOR AVOIDING POLITICIZATION OF ECOSOC'S ACTION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ITEM. CANADIANS LOOKING FOR APPROPRIATE LDC SPONSORSHIP. BY THIS TACTIC THEY HOPE TO LOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH TEXT WHICH THEY DRAFTED IN CONSULTATION WITH PENALOSA AND AVOID POLITICIZATION.

2. QUOTE

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

CONSIDERING THAT SOLUTIONS TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED,

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BEARING IN MIND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AROUND THE WORLD AS A MAJOR COMPONENT IN THE POLICIES AND PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT,

NOTING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WAS CONVENED AT VANCOUVER FROM MAY 31 TO JUNE 11 TO :

- FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE A BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

- RAISE THE LEVEL OF AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ISSUES IN GOVERNMENTS, IN THE MEDIA, AND AMONG CONCERNED CITIZENS,

- DEVELOP, DEBATE AND APPROVE A PROGRAMME OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

- DEVELOP, DEBATE AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY INDIVIDUAL NATIONS, AND TO BRING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION FOR DEALING WITH HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS IS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, BUT THAT NATIONAL ACTION WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN AND AMONG ALL STATES,

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE, THE VANCOUVER DECLARATION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL ACTION AND FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,

2. NOTES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL ACTION WHICH WERE ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE ON POLICIES AND STRATEGIES, PLANNING, INSTITUTIONS AND MANAGEMENT, SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES, LAND AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AND URGES MEMBER STATES TO CONSIDER THEM AT THE XXXIST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

3. CALLS UPON THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, AND URGES ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO TAKE INTENSIFIED AND SUSTAINED ACTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

4. RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD CONVENE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, REGIONAL MEETINGS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE CO-ORDINATION, WITHIN EACH REGION, OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS,

5. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION WHICH REQUIRE SPECIFIC DECISIONS AND ACTIONS AT THE XXXIST SESSION,

6. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT STAFF WHO WORKED SO DILIGENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN PREPARING FOR A CONFERENCE WHOSE SUCCESS IS EVIDENT IN THE MANY AND IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS RECORDED IN THIS REPORT.

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